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MORENCI GETS NEXT  
MEETING STATE  
FEDERATIONLaborites Endorse Hunt, Support  
Threatened Rail Strike and Con-  
demn Tucson Home Guard—Gomp-  
ers Invited.

TUCSON—Morenci was selected as the meeting place of the Arizona State Federation convention for 1917 and the time of meeting was set for the first Monday in August. The two candidates for the presidency to be voted on by referendum vote are B. T. Wilkinson, the present incumbent, and John Donnelly, of Miami.

A number of cities were mentioned and the contest was between Phoenix and Morenci, the latter winning. Resolution was passed at the afternoon session censuring members of the Federation who joined so-called "home guard" companies such as were organized during the recent threatening war situation.

A spirited contest arose over the proposal to elect a delegate to the National convention of the American Federation of Labor by referendum instead of by state convention. The proposition to elect by referendum was finally carried by a vote of 61 to 47 on a roll call vote. Delegate Bene of Miami, made a hard fight against the referendum proposition and forced a roll call. The two nominees are J. R. Carbajal and H. S. McCluskey.

In the matter of the investigation of the personal conduct of John L. Donnelly, of Miami, while organizer in the strike at Clifton the matter was settled satisfactorily by a report of the executive committee, it is said.

The support of the federation was pledged to the railroad brotherhoods in their fight for the eight-hour law.

At the morning session the candidacy of Hunt for a third term was unanimously endorsed on the ground of his stand in the Clifton strike.

A resolution calling for an investigation of the computation of the wages of miners on the sliding scale basis was unanimously passed. According to the resolution, the secretary is directed to take the matter up with Secretary of Labor Wm. B. Wilson with a view to securing an investigation of the whole matter. The resolution was to the effect that all peaceable means should be exhausted before striking and that there should be no strike by affiliated bodies until the sliding scale matter had been completely investigated.

An invitation was extended to Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor to visit in the coming campaign. The complete list of nominations to be submitted to the members of the federation is as follows:

President, B. T. Wilkinson; John Donnelly.

Vice Presidents: First district (Maricopa, Yuma, Pima), Bert Davis, Ed Stelsey. Second district (Gila and Graham), T. C. Rubush, George E. Smith. Third district (Pima, Cochise and Santa Cruz), Robert A. Campbell, Thomas Quinnan. Fourth district (Yavapai, Coconino, Mohave), B. O. Lechem. Fifth district (Clifton-Morenci), J. R. Carbajal, B. Woods.

Secretary-Treasurer: T. A. French, Robert R. Bliss.

Law and Legislative Committee: (Five to be elected.) George Powell, F. J. Perry, Jack Angus, C. C. Stevens, Chas. Duval, L. B. Doane, Brooks, Phil Galtine, Grandal, Smith and Davenport.

Auditing Committee: C. E. Tracey, Mrs. T. E. Hinckley, J. Adams, E. J. Warren, C. L. Timberlake.

Delegate to the national convention A. F. of L., J. R. Carbajal, H. S. McCluskey.

## Circus Draws Big Crowds—

Cole Bros. circus which showed in Clifton on Wednesday afternoon and evening attracted a large crowd and played to a full tent at each performance. Some fifteen or twenty auto loads of people were down from Morenci and Metcalf to enjoy the performance and the big show was the center of attraction during their stay here. Owing to their late arrival on Wednesday morning and also to the fact that the parade was forbidden to cross the bridge from the east side, this part of the program was dispensed with, much to the regret of the youngsters.

WAR IN EUROPE.  
SUBMARINE MASSACRES.  
GERMAN CONSPIRACIES IN THE U.S.  
REVOLUTION IN MEXICO.  
BANDIT RAIDS ON THE BORDER.  
HUERTA DEAD WITH GERMAN  
MONEY IN HIS POCKETS.



"SEE WHAT WILSON HAS DONE!"

(New York World)

## Clifton Sports Fleeced—

The circus has "come and went" and with it has gone several hundred perfectly good shekels earned by honest sweat and a number of young sports of Clifton are sadder, but we doubt if wiser, from their experience. The center of attraction for young men who would get rich quick was a stand which was presided over by a smooth tongued slicker who skillfully operated five beautifully polished shells with the cute little pea to turn the tricks. The way the boys fell all over themselves to place their money caused the operator great elation and before him floated the vision of a champagne supper at Safford's most exclusive lobster palace—and for which the Clifton sports were paying. In fact one of our sportiest youths went broke at the game and shed bitter tears of anguish that his hard hearted friends would not loan him more money with which to "take in" the game. We heartily concur with Barnum that "one is born every minute" and in the words of Goldberg, "Wherever I look on your simple dome, it suggests the words, 'Nobody Home.'"

## Close Call for Mexican—

During the hard rainstorm of Sunday afternoon Henry Vega, a Mexican, had a narrow escape from drowning in his room on the East Side. Earlier in the day Vega, who had imbibed not wisely but too well of booze of the bulldog variety, arrived at his room in the Sirianni building next to the Carroll blumming shop and laid down for a siesta. The floor of the building was soon covered with a foot of water and was steadily rising when some friends of Vega's, who knew he was asleep in the room, thought of his danger and wading through the rapidly rising water carried him outside to a place of safety. Had his friends not rescued him when they did he would probably have been drowned like a rat in a trap, as in his stupefied condition, it is doubtful if he would have awakened in time to get out.

## At the Presbyterian Church—

The Rev. J. Craig Watt will preach at the Presbyterian church on Sunday evening, August 20th. Services will begin at 7:30 p. m. Mr. Love will be back from his visit in Pennsylvania to conduct the services the following Sunday.

## Post Changes Hands—

Peter Riley has this week taken over the agency for the Saturday Evening Post and will hereafter handle it in connection with his periodicals at the Confectionery. As no deliveries will be made those wishing the Post will find them always on hand at the news stand at Riley's.

CHINAMAN SHOTS  
AT UNWELCOME  
VISITORS

American Boys Become Involved in  
Trouble on East Side on Saturday  
Night in Which Several Shots are  
Fired.

A sightseeing trip to a Chinese opium joint on the East Side Saturday night by three American boys caused a couple of shots to be fired in their direction and their arrest on the charge of intent to robbery.

The three boys, Robert Cooper, Will Ager and Fiddle Wright had supper at the American Kitchen about 12 o'clock Saturday night and after concluding their meal adjourned to the sidewalk in front of the place and entered into conversation of a general nature when Wright asked his companions if they had ever seen the inside of an opium den. Cooper and Ager responded that they had not when Wright suggested that they descend to the cellar under the restaurant and view the joint at close quarters.

Upon reaching the subterranean room they found an old Chinaman asleep in a bunk. Wright walked up to him and shaking him by the shoulder told him to wake up. The Chinaman, coming to his senses and seeing the strangers in the room, picked up a long piece of iron and with many threats drove the boys from the place. On reaching the ground floor Wright and Ager started down the alley in different directions while Cooper went out the front door and up the street. The first two had no more than reached the alley when a couple of shots were fired after them from the restaurant with the evident intention of scaring them as from the flame of the gun they were fired in the air.

The Chinaman at first refused to make a complaint but afterward swore to a complaint of attempted robbery. The three boys had their hearing before Justice McWilliams on Monday afternoon and from the evidence submitted they were found not guilty and were discharged. The boys claimed that they were merely sightseeing and intended no wrong and their testimony was corroborated by the Chinaman, he producing no evidence to the contrary.

## Mexicans Play Ball—

A game of ball was played on the Clifton diamond last Sunday between a Mexican team from Morenci and one from Clifton which was witnessed by a good sized crowd. The game resulted in a score of 9 to 10 in favor of the visiting team. Both sides put up a good game and it was found that good material exists among the Mexican players. The batteries were Baron, Marquez and Azarte for Clifton and Madrid and Martinez for Morenci.

## Thieves Visit Ball Park—

Some time last week the lockers at the ball ground were broken into and the miscreants succeeded in carrying off all the bats, suits, gloves, and other paraphernalia in sight. The parties are not known but it is thought to be several youths who have recently been under suspicion, and if caught severe punishment should be meted out to them. The act in itself is contemptible and as a disposition of the goods stolen would reveal their identity the articles are of no practical value to the thieves. Several petty thefts have been reported in the past two weeks, among which was a gold watch stolen from a roomer in the Central hotel while he slept. From all indications it would appear that the robberies have been perpetrated by the same person or persons and if they are eventually caught the law is waiting to deal with them in an efficient manner.

## Rain Stops Game—

The ball game scheduled between Clifton and Morenci and which was to have been played on the Morenci diamond, was not pulled off on account of the failure of the Clifton boys to go to the Hill City. The local boys were all ready to start when the severe rainstorm caught them and they decided that the weather was unfavorable for a ball game and gave up the trip. They naturally supposed that Morenci was also visited by the same storm but later found that the weather in that place was fine, with the sun shining and a good sized crowd out to witness the game. However, Morenci was not to be cheated out of a game and a scrub nine was picked up which gave the regulars some hard work and afforded pleasure for the fans.

## H. Stickland in California—

H. Stickland, of Clifton, was a recent visitor at the big exhibit of Southern California products maintained free to the public in the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. He also attended the lectures, moving pictures and concert that are a part of the daily program. The exhibit is the largest of any in the country maintained by a commercial organization. Mr. Stickland expects to visit the Panama-Pacific International exposition at San Diego, which will remain open all year.—Ex.

## Joins Navy—

The Fat Kid is in receipt of a letter this week from Wm. H. Vigus, who formerly worked in Clifton as a boiler maker and was well known here a few years ago. He has joined the navy since leaving Clifton and is now stationed on the U. S. ship Nevada.

CARL HAYDEN HAS  
BEEN FRIEND OF  
LABOR

Record as Kept by Representatives  
of Labor Unions in Washington—  
Surely, No Friend of Labor Could  
Ask for More Than Here Shown.

The National Legislative and Information Bureau, Arthur Woolery, clerk, with offices at 101 B. Street, S. E., Washington, D. C., is an organization of the Order of Railway Conductors, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers and is affiliated with all other labor organizations. One of the purposes of this organization is to scrutinize pending legislation in Washington and keep a record of the vote of all members on measures that affect any of the laboring classes.

Prior to election time this organization makes a tabulated report of the votes of the members on such pending legislation for the enlightenment of the great laboring masses to the end that all voters may be advised of the attitude towards the laboring classes of former members that are asking for re-election.

It is charged by A. A. Worsley, who is opposing Hon. Carl Hayden for the democratic nomination that he is very friendly to labor and attempt is made to create the impression that Congressman Hayden is unfriendly. That this allegation of unfriendliness on the part of Mr. Hayden is not true is borne out by the record of the National Legislative and Information Bureau who gives out his vote on every measure before congress that in any way affects the laboring classes.

## The Record.

Following is the report with data of vote, name of the measure and the attitude of the labor unions:

March 28, 1912—Phosphorous match tax bill, on which he voted yea, favored by the labor unions.

April 2, 1912—Children's bureau bill; voted yea, favored.

May 13, 1912—Popular election of senators, voted yea, favored.

May 14, 1912—Injunction, limitation, bill curbing power of courts, voted yea, favored.

July 11, 1912—Contempt of court; bill regulating procedure, voted yea, favored.

February 19, 1913—Immigration restriction bill; motion to pass notwithstanding veto by President Taft, voted yea, favored.

March 1, 1913—Workmen's compensation for railroad employees, voted nay, favored.

March 4, 1913—Exempting unions from prosecutions under the Sherman act; motion to pass Sundry Civil bill, containing amendment, notwithstanding veto by President Taft, voted yea, favored.

February 4, 1914—Immigration restriction; motion to strike out literary test, voted nay, opposed.

February 4, 1914—Immigration restriction bill, voted yea, favored.

March 4, 1914—Convict labor made goods bill, voted yea, favored.

April 17, 1914—Children's bureau, increased appropriation for, voted yea, favored.

June 5, 1914—Clayton anti-trust act; vital to labor organizations, voted yea, favored.

October 8, 1914—Clayton anti-trust act; motion to concur in conference report, voted yea, favored.

January 15, 1915—Immigration restriction bill; motion to concur in conference report, voted yea, favored.

February 4, 1915—Immigration restriction bill; motion to pass notwithstanding veto of President Wilson, voted yea, favored.

February 15, 1915—Child labor bill, voted yea, favored.

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February 2, 1916—Child labor bill, voted yea, favored.

March 30, 1916—Immigration restriction; motion to strike out literary test, voted nay, favored.

March 30, 1916—Immigration restriction bill, voted yea, favored.

June 27, 1916—Time measuring and bonus system; to prohibit, voted yea, favored.

## Only Opposed One Measure.

The above is the record as kept by the great labor unions and can be verified by the journals of the house of representatives showing conclusively what Congressman Hayden has stantiate his allegation.

FIVE MEN INJURED  
IN AUTOMOBILE  
WRECK

Auto Runs Off Road to Bottom of  
Canyon 80 Feet Below Seriously  
Injuring the Five Occupants of  
The Car. Accident Occurs on  
Metcalf Road Near Longfellow.

Another automobile accident has been added to the already long list to take place in the vicinity of Clifton, fortunately all the occupants of the car escaping death miraculously and surviving with numerous bruises and broken bones.

The accident happened shortly after dark on Monday evening on the Metcalf road near Longfellow. The car was owned by Chino Gallo of Clifton and was being driven by Kid Louis, the four passengers in the machine being Morris Mannheim, and Gerardo Zorilla of Metcalf and Manuel Lamas and Jose Maria Ponce of Clifton. The exact manner in which the accident happened is not known, but it is surmised that the driver lost control of the car and it together with its load of passengers plunged straight down the canyon a distance of between 75 and 80 feet.

The men were picked up in passing machines and brought to the A. C. hospital at Clifton where their injuries were dressed. The driver of the car escaped with but a few bruises while examination revealed that the others of the party had received more or less severe injuries, although none of them of an alarming nature. Mannheim's condition is the most serious, he having suffered several broken ribs and a fractured collar bone besides many bruises about the body, and as a result he will be confined for some time. He had just returned from California that afternoon and wishing to get to his home in Metcalf as quickly as possible took the car which nearly caused his death.

Two of the injured occupants of the car were discharged from the hospital this afternoon and it is thought that all but Mannheim will be out in a short time.

On account of this accident as well as numerous others in the past, W. P. Geary, chairman of the Arizona Corporation Commission came to Clifton Thursday and was busy during the day taking evidence and examining witnesses in regard to the affair. From an interpretation of the law it is understood that service cars come under the head of public utilities and it is for this reason that a representative of the Corporation Commission was sent here to investigate conditions in regard to service cars.

A meeting of the chauffeurs was called for Thursday afternoon at the Town Hall to meet Mr. Geary and discuss the proposition, but as only two or three showed up there was nothing much accomplished, and the outcome of Mr. Geary's investigation was not ascertained, although he will probably place what facts he could gather before the commission and possibly make a suggestion to that body for a remedy of existing conditions in Greenlee county.

The volume of traffic in the county is now such that in order to safeguard the lives of the public some drastic action will have to be taken in regard to incompetent and irresponsible drivers of automobiles, and the public is awaiting with interest the decision of the Corporation Commission on this subject.

done, and it would be reasonable to infer that he would be as jealous in guarding the rights of the laboring man in the future as he has been in the past.

It will be observed that he supported every measure supported by the labor unions during his term of office extending through the sixty-second and sixty-third congresses with the exception of the Workmen's compensation for railroad employees bill. And he did not oppose this measure for the reason that he did not have the welfare of the laboring man at heart, but because he believed it to be ill-timed, impracticable and in the end would injure the cause.

Any one taking the position that Congressman Hayden is opposed to the best interests of the laboring classes will have to go outside of his record in congress to get facts to substantiate his allegation.